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**SMALL ENTITY**

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MATERIAL  
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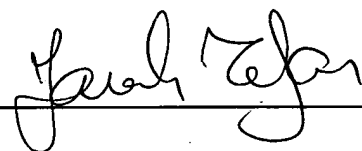
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**METHOD OF FORMING A HEX NUT FROM A PLANAR MATERIAL**

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Please note the following:

**[x]** This is a Continuation Utility Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application number 09/729,680, filed December 4, 2000, entitled "METHOD OF FORMING A HEX NUT FROM A PLANAR MATERIAL".

**[x]** Applicants hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States Application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America, to the following: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/729,680.

**[x]** The inventor is Marc D. Germani.

**[x]** A copy of the original Oath/Declaration/Power Of Attorney signed by the inventors in the parent application is enclosed.

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- [x]** Continuation Utility Patent Application Transmittal (this form, 4 pages in duplicate), Total Pages: 8;
- [x]** Specification including: 20 Claims (3 Independent, 17 dependent) Total Pages: 16;
- [x]** A copy of Drawings from Parent Application 09/729,680 including Figs: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c, 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d, 13a, 13b, 13c, Total Sheets: 23;
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Independent Claims	3-3 =	0	x \$86 =	\$ 0.00
Multiple Independent Claims			+ 290 =	\$ 0.00
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	Title	METHOD OF FORMING A HEX NUT FROM A PLANAR MATERIAL	
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